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1. On 13 April 1951, at the athletic field of Schoenwalde (N 53/Z 68) airfield, nine units of 3 officers and 52 men each marched in review past two officers who wore wide red stripes on their trousers, while a military band was playing. After the review, 40 officers assembled in front of the two reviewing officers, shook hands with them and returned to their units. All troops wore red-bordered black epaulets.
2. Fifteen trucks, each towing an AA gun of about 20 mm caliber, entered the airfield on 14 April. Their numbers could not be determined. An observation platform with a canvas-covered device on the roof of one building was constantly occupied by a sentry.
3. On 22 April, most of the quarters east of the Boetzow-Schoenwalde road were occupied by artillery troops.
4. An AA gun emplacement with four 37 mm guns and five other emplacements under construction were observed at the southwestern perimeter of the airfield, about 800 meters east of the Boetzow-Schoenwalde road. The gun crews were quartered in earth shelters. Truck [REDACTED] drove into the wooded area northwest of the landing field, carrying 15 soldiers and towing two 37 mm AA guns. Motor vehicles [REDACTED]

- * Comment. The troops reported in paragraph 1 were probably elements of the 31st AAA Div of the Second Gds Mecz Army which, with other units, are believed to be stationed at Schoenwalde airfield. The AA gun emplacements reported in paragraph 4 are believed to be manned by personnel of this AAA division.

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